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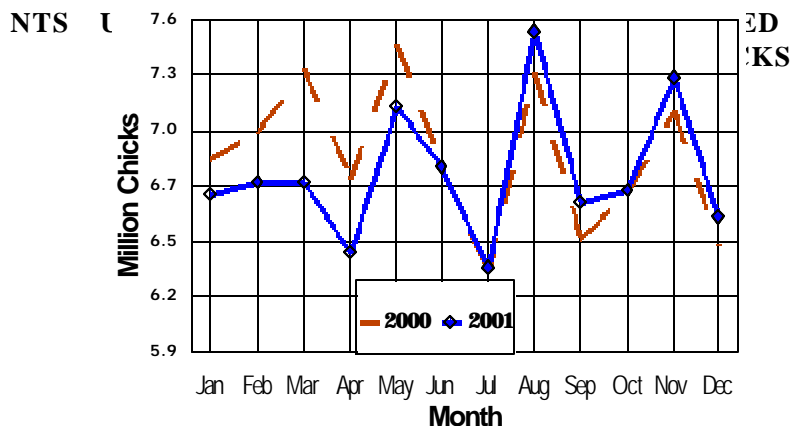
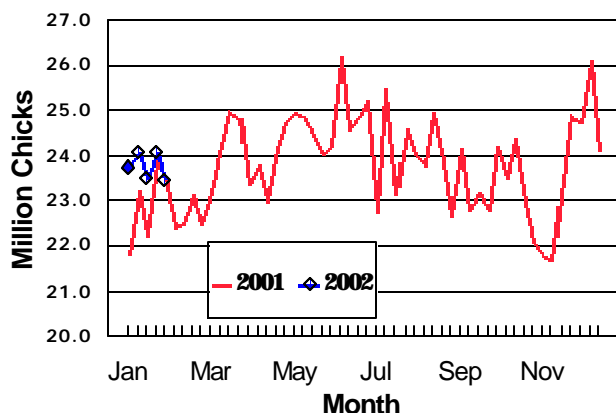
ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.5 million during the week ending February 2, 2002, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and 3 percent below the previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2001 through February 2, 2002 were 118.9 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.6 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but 2 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 81.6 percent.

Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 2, 2002, up 4 percent from the same period last year and 1 percent above the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.6 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2001, up 2 percent from December 2000.



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2000-01	2001-02	
	1,000		
Dec. 29	21,286	23,849	112
Jan. 5	21,817	23,768	109
Jan. 12	23,255	24,092	104
Jan. 19	22,233	23,526	106
Jan. 26	23,892	24,074	101
Feb. 2	23,584	23,464	99

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2000	2001	
	1,000		
Jul.	6,310	6,326	100
Aug.	7,288	7,494	103
Sep.	6,469	6,647	103
Oct.	6,694	6,704	100
Nov.	7,105	7,261	102
Dec.	6,429	6,577	102

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001-2002

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)							
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending					1/	
STATE	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	02-Feb	%		29-Dec	05-Jan	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	02-Feb	%
Alabama	28,794 *	29,208	29,203	29,148	106		22,437	22,209	22,107	22,781	22,013	22,429	106
ARKANSAS	30,121	30,421	30,623	30,803	104		23,849	23,768	24,092	23,526	24,074	23,464	99
Delaware	3,456	3,394	3,672	3,524	89		4,371	5,030 *	4,891 *	5,220 *	5,563 *	4,952	99
Florida	2,246	2,304	2,163 *	2,391	96		2,274	2,279	2,331	2,389	2,349 *	2,207	96
Georgia	31,887 *	31,387	31,455	31,472	104		25,694	26,359	25,753	24,895	26,034 *	25,510	105
Maryland	9,334 *	9,747 *	9,531 *	10,095	123		5,001	5,541 *	6,065 *	5,561 *	5,339 *	5,316	93
Mississippi	18,912	18,289	18,359	18,786	105		15,274	15,991	15,982	15,956	15,658	15,683	103
N. Carolina	18,007 *	18,567	18,348	19,269	108		14,245	14,673	15,213	15,016	14,381	13,810	94
Pennsylvania	3,590	3,797	3,473 *	3,689	96		2,645	2,719	2,735	2,577	2,545 *	2,684	99
S. Carolina	4,705	4,591	4,742	4,713	96		4,225	3,685	3,883	3,803	3,697	3,876	93
Texas	14,969 *	14,703 *	15,319 *	15,101	108		11,831	11,936 *	11,964 *	12,191 *	12,100 *	11,754	106
Virginia	6,277	6,218	6,602	6,643	104		5,104	5,868	5,650	5,622	5,726	5,723	120
CA TN & W VA	10,617	10,528	10,966	10,658	94		9,319	9,194	8,872	9,925	9,353	9,219	90
Total 2001-2002	182,915 *	183,154 *	184,456 *	186,292			146,269	149,252 *	149,538 *	149,462 *	148,832 *	146,627	
Total 2000-2001	179,729	179,208	177,434	178,493			138,710	142,848	143,870	142,278	143,929	144,793	
% PREV. YEAR	102	102	104	104			105	104	104	105	103	101	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE	2002.....						16-Feb	23-Feb	02-Mar	09-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

* Kentucky	6,734	6,700	6,477 *	6,418	--		5,269	5,576	5,497	4,779	5,721 *	6,105	--
* Oklahoma	6,278 *	6,078	6,566 *	6,566	--		5,082	3,985	4,828	4,590	4,442 *	5,064	--
* LA & MO	8,670	9,090	8,900	9,252	--		8,418	10,207	9,020	9,599	8,605	8,190	--
19 StateTotal	204,597 *	205,022 *	206,399 *	208,528			165,038	169,020 *	168,883 *	168,430 *	167,600 *	165,986	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 186 million eggs during the week ending February 2, 2002. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 2, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through February 2, 2002 were 744 million, up 4 percent the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will ONLY be available under "Publications" on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.